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ACTION STR

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TAGS: MTN, ETRD, HK
SUBJECT: NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR

1. DURING INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH LAURIE MILLS,
DIRECTOR, FOREIGN TRADE, HK MINCOMMERCE, MADE FOLLOWING
POINTS TO ASST. STR LANDE. HE EMPHASIZED THESE WERE
INFORMAL VIEWS.

A) HKG CANNOT DETERMINE WHETHER INCREASE IN U.S. SHOE
IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG CAUSED BY TRANSSHIPMENT OR
DOMESTIC PRODUCTION.

B) HKG CAN PROBABLY AGREE TO INSTITUTE A CERTIFICATE
OF ORIGIN SYSTEM WHICH COULD PREVENT TRANSSHIPMENT
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THROUGH HONG KONG BY OMA SUPPLIERS AND DETERMINE
WHETHER HK SURGE CAUSED BY TRANSSHIPMENT OR
INCREASED DOMESTIC PRODUCTION. HOWEVER, U.S. MUST
REQUEST THIS SYSTEM IN ORDER FOR HONG KONG TO
INSTITUTE IT.

C) SYSTEM WOULD TAKE A FEW MONTHS TO PRODUCE RESULTS.

MILLS, HOWEVER WOULD NOT COMMIT HIMSELF TO ANY COURSE OF ACTION IF CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN SYSTEM REVEALED SURGE CAUSED BY HONG KONG PRODUCED SHOES OTHER THAN TO REAFFIRM HKG OPPOSITION TO LIMITATIONS. MILLS INDICATED NO CHANGE IN HKG OPPOSITION TO LIMITATION EVEN IF USG COULD DEMONSTRATE THAT FOOTWEAR EXPORTS PRODUCED IN TAIWANESE OWNED FACTORIES ESTABLISHED TO CIRCUMVENT OMA.

2. WHILE AGREEING TO WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION, LANDE POINTED OUT THAT PROBLEM WITH CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN SYSTEM IS THAT IT WOULD TAKE A FEW MONTHS TO SEE WHETHER PROBLEM HAS BEEN RESOLVED AND DURING THE INTERIM U.S. SHOE IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG COULD CONTINUE TO SURGE. MILLS COULD NOT GIVE ASSURANCE THAT HKG WOULD NOT CLAIM THAT BASE SHOULD REFLECT ANY SURGE DURING INTERIM IF THERE WERE DISCUSSION ON OMA.

3. MILLS AND LANDE AGREED THAT IF FORMAL DISCUSSIONS NECESSARY, THEY WOULD MEET IN HONG KONG IN EARLY AUGUST. DECISIONS ON CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN HOWEVER COULD BE MADE EARLIER.

4. COMMENT: WOULD SUGGEST FOOTWEAR GROUP EXPLORE ADVISABILITY AND FEASIBILITY OF CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN SYSTEM.

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